

Participant List

Dr. Leila Ahmed is the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School teaching in women's studies and religion; her current research focuses on Islam in America and issues of women and gender.

Dr. Laila Al-Marayati is the Spokesperson of the Muslim Women's League (MWL), a Los Angeles based organization dedicated to strengthening the role of Muslim women in society. She is also a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist and a Clinical Professor at the USC School of Medicine.

Suzie Armstrong is the Vice President of The Interfaith Alliance, an organization with membership spanning 75 different religious traditions that seeks "to promote religion as a positive and healing force in the life of the nation."

Rev. Dr. Dorothy A. Austin is the Sedgwick Associate Minister in The Memorial Church at Harvard University, Chaplain to the University and Lecturer in Psychology and Religion at Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Ann Braude is the Director of the Women's Studies in Religion Program and Senior Lecturer on American Religious History at Harvard Divinity School. Her primary interest is the religious history of American women.

Dr. Amy Caiazza is the Director of Democracy and Society Programs at the Institute for Women's Policy Research. She has recently published two reports as part of IWPR's "Politics, Religion, and Women's Public Vision Project."

Dr. Diana L. Eck is the Director of The Pluralism Project, a research organization at Harvard University that maps the changing religious landscape of the United States. She is also Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies in Harvard University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Shahla Haeri is the Director of the Women's Studies Program at Boston University and an Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology; her current research focuses on women's political participation and mobilization in Iran.

Trish Harris and Gail Katz are Co-Founders of Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialogue and Outreach in MetroDetroit (WISDOM), an interfaith women's organization that seeks to "to give women opportunities to listen to each other, respect each other's differences, and take action towards change."

Sande Hart is the Founder of SARA (Spiritual and Religious Alliance for Hope) in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, a women's interfaith organization "committed to making a difference in our community... through dialogue, panel discussions, community service and guest speakers."

Dr. Mary Hunt is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER), a feminist educational center in Silver Spring, Maryland. She is also active in the women-church movement.

Mushim Ikeda-Nash is a Buddhist meditation teacher, writer, and activist; she currently teaches at the East Bay Meditation Center in Oakland, California. She is a past consulting editor to *Turning Wheel: The Journal of Socially Engaged Buddhism*.

Dr. Barbara Kellerman is the James MacGregor Burns Lecturer in Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and formerly served as Executive Director of the Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. Her recent research focuses on bad leadership, women and leadership, and followership.

Kathryn Lohre is the Assistant Director of The Pluralism Project. She received a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School, where she focused her research on women, religion, and peacebuilding.

Deonnie Moodie is the Research Coordinator of The Pluralism Project. She received a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School, where she focused on Hinduism.

Grace Ogden is the Convener of the Sacred Circles Conferences at Washington National Cathedral, which seek to develop "a deeply felt sense of women's spiritual community, woven by leaders in voice, dance and religious ritual from diverse faith traditions."

Janet Penn is the Executive Director of Interfaith Action, an interfaith organization based out of Sharon, Massachusetts which boasts a strong youth initiative, and which is currently building a women's initiative.

Elinor Pierce is The Pluralism Project's Senior Researcher. Her research and work have been instrumental in developing the Project's women's initiative. She earned her Master of Theological Studies degree from Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Neelima Shukla-Bhatt is an Assistant Professor of South Asian Studies at Wellesley College; her recent research has focused on women's roles in Hinduism. She has also served as the Hindu students' advisor at Wellesley.

Danya Wellmon and Betsy Wiggins are Co-Founders of Women Transcending Boundaries, an interfaith women's organization in Syracuse, New York. WTB participants seek to learn about each other, "to share these experiences with the wider community, to educate and to serve."